

2017

# Winter Environmental Education



# Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. **Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

## REGISTRATION

- Go to [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take as long as 24 hours so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

## Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

### Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)  
Seattle, WA. 98199  
Phone: 206-386-4236  
Email: [discovery.park@seattle.gov](mailto:discovery.park@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

### Camp Long

5200 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Seattle, WA. 98126  
Phone: 206-684-7434  
Email: [camplong@seattle.gov](mailto:camplong@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.  
Closed Sundays beginning November 1.

### Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road  
Seattle, WA. 98177  
Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.  
Programs, however, are still offered at the park.  
Contact Discovery Park ELC.



# Program Descriptions Winter 2017

*All programs led by trained Seattle Urban Nature Guides*

## Stewardship Opportunities



### Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Planting

Discovery Park

All ages Free

Commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King Junior by planting a tree to celebrate peace and social justice in our world. All instructions and supplies provided.

#158426 1/14/2017 Sat 1-4p.m.

### Halfway to Spring Planting

Discovery Park

All ages Free

This is the halfway mark between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. What better way to celebrate than by restoring habitat. Start here. All supplies and instructions provided.

#158425 2/04/2017 Sat 1-4p.m.





## Nature at Night

### Tidepools by Flashlight

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 6 and older    **Fee:** \$8.00

What a delight! Explore the tidepools at Discovery Park at night. Bring your family and friends for a beach adventure- by flashlight! A unique late night nature experience right here in the city. Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet.

**#158428 1/13/2017 Fri 10p.m. – Midnight**



### Me-Kwa-Mooks Nightlife At the Beach

Me-Kwa-Mooks Beach/Emma Schmitz Viewpoint

**Ages:** 6 and older    **Fee:** \$8.00

Enjoy a unique Salish Sea adventure. Bring a flashlight and join a Seattle Urban Nature Guide at Me-Kwa-Mooks beach for a captivating urban

nature outing – tidepool exploration at night. **Please dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, and wear shoes that can get wet and work well on slippery surfaces.**

**#158427 2/10/2017 Fri 9 – 11p.m.**

### Full Moon Adventure

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older    **Fee:** \$8.00

Explore Discovery Park by the light of the moon! Join a Seattle Urban Nature Guide on an adventure into the nocturnal world. Experience Seattle in a whole new light. **Please come prepared with warm clothes.**

**#158423 2/11/2017 Sat 6-8p.m.**



## Winter Nature Walks



### Wintergreen Walk

Camp Long

**Ages:** 10 and older **Free**

Fight seasonal affective disorder by going outside! Discover why Washington is called the evergreen state. Have a tree-mendous adventure with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide in the Camp Long forest. When finished, the green blur of evergreen trees will exist no more. In its place will be a new set of distinctive evergreen friends.

**#158421    1/21/2017    Sat    2 – 4p.m.**

### Salamander Search

Camp Long

**Ages:** 6 and older **Free**

Overcome those wintertime blues by bundling up and getting outside. Learn the importance of those dark, dank, wet places by searching under logs and in the ponds for those beautiful, mysterious creatures – the salamanders. There are at least three different types to find at Camp Long. Let's challenge ourselves to find all of them.

**#158416    2/11/2017    Sat    3 – 5p.m.**

**#158417    3/05/2017    Sun    2 – 4p.m.**





## Winter Nature Walks cont.

### Search for Spring Walk

Camp Long

**Ages:** 4 and older     **Free**

Travel with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide through Camp Long and the Longfellow Creek area in search of signs of spring. We'll listen for early migrating birds, look for the colors of plant growth, and sniff the air for the scent of the onset of new life.

**#158418     3/04/2017     Sat     9 – 11a.m.**

### Great Blue Herons

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Discover why these birds are called “Great”. Visit a large rookery close to the park. Explore your connection to this amazing bird and how their continued survival depends upon you. Wear your walking shoes as we walk as much as one mile. **Please bring binoculars if you have them.**

**#158424     3/11/2017     Sat     10 a.m. – Noon**

## History Programs

### Discovery Park History – The Early Years

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 12 and older     **Free**

Join us on a journey to the “early years” – the time before this land was a park or even a military fort. Through slides, photographs, books, and video, explore what was here and learn who was here.

**#158422     2/25/2017  
Sat     2 - 4 p.m.**



## Tot Treks

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult that is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends. **Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult** **Free**

### Puddles and Ponds

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddlers. It's wintertime. The rainy season. Let's splash and kick and jump for joy. Wear clothes for getting wet.

**#158419 1/21/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45am**



### Winter Wonderland

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Hike through the woods using all of your senses to discover signs of winter.

**#158430 1/28/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45am**



### Spring Fling

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddlers. Take a hike through Camp Long searching high and low for all the signs of spring.

**#158420 3/25/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### Hop Into Spring

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Spring is here! Let's jump, run, walk, or crawl our way through the park as we look for signs of new life!

**#158429 4/01/2017 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Register for nature programs today!**

